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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is in response to an Office Action, dated January 20, 2004 setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on April 20, 2004. This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response.

No fee, petition or certification is required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Response to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/MCP0294/DRC.